THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) The Working Group of the National Committee on Disaster Management set up after the Gujarat earthquake has recommended constitution of a National Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Preparedness Fund with an initial corpus of Rs. 500 crores.

(b) The other recommendations of the Working Group *inter alia* relate to constitutional and legal framework, organizational structure, institutional mechanisms, preparedness, quick response, prevention and mitigation including formulation of a disaster mitigation strategy and its integration with development plans. In the meantime, the Government have already taken several initiatives recommended by the Working Group. These initiatives include preparation of a National Disaster Management Framework covering institutional structures, disaster prevention and mitigation strategy, early warning systems, preparedness and human resource development; training capsules for inclusion in the post recruitment induction training of All India Services and Central Para-military Forces; development of specialized search and rescue teams, disaster management and response plans, etc.

Thefts in MPs flats

†1088. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of thefts in MP flats at South Avenue during the last six months;

(b) whether police has succeeded in unravelling these incidents, catch the thieves and recover the stolen property; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) During the period from 1st January to 15th July, 2003, four cases of theft/burglary were reported from South Avenue.

(b) and (c) While three of these cases are under investigation, the fourth case relating to theft of a motor-cycle has been sent as untraced as despite information having been flashed to the police throughout the country and detailing of informers, the stolen motor-cycle could not be recovered.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.